

COUNTY OF RAVALLI



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Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
Resource Development Bureau
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Dear Montana Renewable Resource Grant Program Administrators:

In response to the rapid growth Ravalli County has experienced over the past fifteen years, the Board of Commissioners, in partnership with the community, is currently working to manage that growth. In addition to finding ways to accommodate expanding needs for current and accurate information about our valley, we have also strengthened our commitment to protecting and maintaining the natural resources that have drawn people to Ravalli County.

Enclosed you will find our application to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation requesting \$100,000 to assist us in mapping elevations in the Central portion, a rapidly growing area, of Ravalli County through the use of LiDAR technology. The finished product of this project will be a digital elevation map showing the elevations with two foot contours for approximately 156 square miles. In discussing the benefits of having this information with county departments and the broad range of entities involved in land-use issues in Ravalli County, we have received nothing but enthusiasm for this project.

On behalf of the citizens of Ravalli County, the Board of Commissioners is unanimous in its endorsement of this project and request that you provide the funding that will make this project a reality. It is our commitment to ensure the project is carried out as specified in the application and to make this data available to all who will benefit from the information produced.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlotta Grandstaff, Chairperson
Ravalli County Board of Commissioners